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First North Hi Class to Meet

The Class of '57 of North High School will have an organizational meeting to form an Alumni Assn. on Wednesday, Aug. 28, in the North High School cafeteria. The meeting will start promptly at 7 p.m.

Election of officers, appointments of committees for homecoming and the constitution, and general discussion concerning the organization of the Alumni Assn. are slated on the agenda. A beach party for members and dates will follow the meeting.

3 Phone Men Honored for Saving Youth

Three members of a General Telephone Co. wire-stringing crew have received La Croix bronze medals for their part in rescuing a nine-year-old boy at the Hollywood Riviera Club a year ago.

Robert Graff, Grady Sain, and Edgar Wise were credited with helping save the life of John Patterson Jr. on June 28, 1956.

The three men were working at the Hollywood Riviera Club, near the club's pool. Wise told Sain that it looked as if a demonstration were taking place at the edge of the pool. Sain, working on a second story balcony had a better vantage point, saw a crowd surrounding a small boy who had been pulled from the pool and was apparently in need of help.

Sain called down to Graff, who was working on the ground floor. Graff hurried to the scene, and began applying artificial respiration, continuing for about eight minutes. The little boy resumed breathing and recovered fully.

The awards were presented last week by President Edwin M. Blakeslee.

Lodge to Aid New Hospital

Plans to enlarge the Little Company of Mary hospital, to be erected soon in Torrance, will be discussed at the regular monthly breakfast presented at the Torrance Lodge of the Loyd Order of Moose at the lodge hall, 1744 W. Carson St., Sunday, Aug. 18th, James A. Evans, secretary, announced today.

The breakfast of eggs, bacon and pancakes will be served from 9 a.m. until noon. All funds collected by the lodge will be donated to the hospital fund.

Anderson Wins Pin for Service With Douglas

Harold J. Anderson, 711 Columbia Ct., Torrance, has been presented with a gold pin commemorating 20 years service with Douglas Aircraft Co., it was announced by T. E. Springer, vice president-general manager of the company's El Segundo division.

Anderson is part of the Douglas El Segundo team of over 25,000 people currently producing high performance military aircraft for the U. S. Navy, including the A3D Skywarrior, A4D Skyhawk, F4D Skyray, F5D Skylander and the AD Skyraider series.

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Asiatic Flu Expected to Attack U.S. With Onset of Cool Weather

By ROY O. GILBERT, M. D.
Los Angeles County Health Officer

The intercontinental paths of epidemics can apparently be traced in much the same fashion as the progress of tornadoes and hurricanes.

This became strikingly evident during the last couple of weeks when officials of the U. S. Public Health Service predicted that the flu epidemic, currently sweeping throughout Asia and the Southwest Pacific, will hit the United States with the onset of cooler weather. Indeed, scattered cases have already been re-

ported in most sections of the United States.

Not Useful
Not much practical use can be made of this information, however. There are no medical storm cellars, so to speak, into which people of this country can retreat.

Despite the fact that science can now prepare a vaccine that would immunize people against the new virus strain that is causing the present outbreak of influenza and against which the population has no immunity, this preventive cannot be manufactured in sufficient quantity in time to pro-

tect more than a minor segment of the population.

It was stated that about eight million doses of vaccine will be ready by early fall, but it is reported that most of these are to be reserved for servicemen and their families living in foreign countries. Individuals engaged in caring for sick workers in several essential industries, and for those individuals who contact travelers as they return to this country from visits overseas.

Administration Hard
However, even if plenty of vaccine were produced soon enough, its administration be-

fore the epidemic gets well under way would be next to impossible. The polio program has demonstrated how long a time is required to vaccinate millions of people. The epidemic will have come and gone long before the job of vaccination on so large a scale could be completed.

So, although medical science can predict the probable time of occurrence of the flu epidemic in this country and has developed an effective vaccine against it, the fact remains

that if U. S. Public Health Service officials are correct, millions of Americans will have the flu within the next few months.

Mild Form
Fortunately, unlike the flu epidemic of 1917-18, the present form of the disease is reported to be generally mild. The acute stage of illness, during which the victim suffers from generalized aching, headache, fever, chills, sore throat, and prostration, last no more than 3 or 4 days, and is followed by several days of lethargy and weakness.

By all accounts, the mortality rate in the present influenza epidemic is low. Those deaths that do occur are among individuals that are already weak-

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ened from some other disease or by advanced age. This type of influenza is also serious when it occurs in young infants.

Every 5 to 10 years, according to medical experts in the field of disease forecasting, the influenza virus changes its character. It did so in the epidemics of 1918, 1929, probably 1935, and in 1946-1947. Certainly the virus that is causing the present epidemic is different from any influenza virus strain heretofore known to exist, and is, luckily for everyone, totally different in character from the virus that caused the deaths of at least half a million people in Ameri-

ca from September, 1918 to March, 1919.

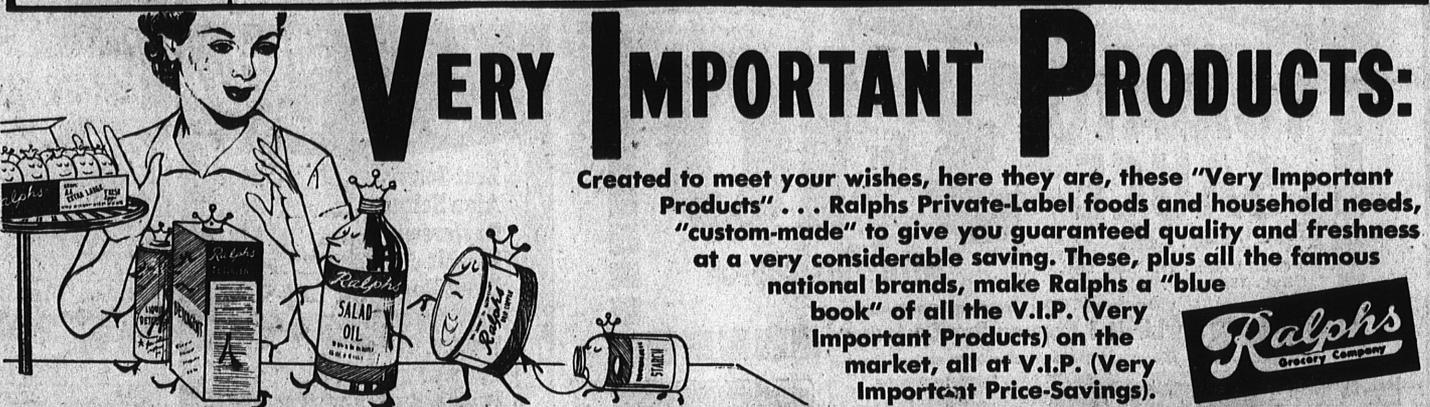
Little Damage Seen
Prevention of the spread of this disease by quarantine methods is an impossibility. But, since the illness produced by the 1957 influenza virus is usually so mild, chances are that the population of this country will weather the epidemic with very little damage to report.

However, in all cases where influenza is suspected, medical advice should be obtained. Although the disease may be generally mild in nature, its possible complications may quickly transform it into a more serious illness.

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